

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [001] of the Specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[001] This application claims ~~priority benefit~~ under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/415,764, entitled "Method and System for Equitizing a Commodity," filed October 4, 2002, which is incorporated herein in its entirety as if set forth in full.